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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ADVERTISES MILITARY BUDGET
REDUCTION PROPOSAL

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1. IZVESTIA OCTOBER 1 AND PRAVDA OCTOBER 2 CARRY
SEPARATE ARTICLES OUTLINING MERITS OF SOVIET UNGA
PROPOSAL FOR REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS, BASED
PRIMARILY ON GROMYKO SPEECH AND FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO
SYG. ALTHOUGH MOST OF MATERIAL HAS APPEARED PREVIOUSLY,
FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS MAY BE OF INTEREST:

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2. PRAVDA ARTICLE SAYS BUDGET REDUCTIONS WOULD BE

BASED ON LEVELS OF 1973 FISCAL YEAR, WITH THE REDUCTIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE REGULAR FISCAL YEAR AFTER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION BY UNGA. ARTICLE REITERATES GROMYKO'S SUGGESTION (REFTEL) THAT THE PROPORTION OF THE BUDGET CUT ALLOCATED TO LDC'S COULD BE 10 PERCENT. ARTICLE MAKES IT EXPLICIT THAT LINKAGE OF DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT INTENDED TO ANSWER ARGUMENTS THAT DETENTE BENEFITS ONLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. IZVESTIA CLAIMS THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR FIRST TIME PUTS REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS INTO CONCRETE FORM LINKED TO SHIFT OF PORTION OF SAVINGS TO LDC'S. IT INDICATES THAT DETERMINATION OF AID MAGNITUDE WOULD BE LEFT TO SPECIAL UN COMMITTEE ENVISAGED BY SOVIET PROPOSAL. IT SAYS THAT ONE OF IMPORTANT UNDERPINNINGS OF PROPOSAL IS 1971 UN REPORT ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF ARMS RACE.

4. IZVESTIA ALSO BELITTLES CRITICS OF DISARMAMENT WHO ADVOCATE "ALL OR NOTHING" APPROACH. THIS PHRASE, USED BY BREZHNEV AT TASHKENT AND GROMYKO AT UNGA, APPEARS TO BE DIRECTED, IN UN CONTEXT, AT CHINESE AND SUGGESTS THEME SOVIETS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PURSUE THIS FALL IN SEEKING TO ISOLATE PEKING AT UNGA ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES.
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